

**Security Council**

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**Letter dated 2 August 2018 from the President of the Security Council
addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 29 June 2018 (S/2018/652) regarding the reappointment of 23 judges of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals.

The members of the Security Council note that the roster of judges of the Mechanism has less than the full complement of 25 judges provided for under article 8, paragraph 1, of its statute.

The members of the Council have carefully analysed the current situation in the Mechanism and reasonably expect that filling the two vacant positions would assist in the effective and timely implementation of the Mechanism's mandate in accordance with resolution 1966 (2010).

Therefore, I am pleased to inform you that the members of the Council have decided that two judges should be elected to the roster of judges of the Mechanism in accordance with article 10 of the statute.

In this regard, the members of the Council request you to invite States to submit nominations within a period of 60 days. From the nominations received, the Council will establish a list of not less than three candidates, or, should there be only two nominations, a list of two candidates, taking due account of the qualifications set out in article 9, paragraph 1, of the statute and adequate representation of the principal legal systems of the world, as well as the nationalities of the current judges of the Mechanism. The term of office of the two elected judges will terminate at the same time as the term of office of the judges who are currently on the roster.

(Signed) Karen Pierce
President of the Security Council

